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Alleghany County Is . . .
Outstanding Livestock, Agri-
culture and Tourist Center,
With A Population of 8,341.

Thousands Will Enter County Schools Next Week

New Pastor To Take Up Duties Here This Week

Rev. F. G. Walker To Fill Vacancy At First Baptist Church

Rev. F. G. Walker is expected to arrive here soon to take up his duties as pastor of the Sparta First Baptist church, it was announced this week.

Rev. Mr. Walker comes from Chesnee, S. C., where he has served as pastor of the First Baptist church there for the past several years. A native of Cleveland county, near Shelby, he has been in the ministry for the past 22 years, having served in three different churches during that time.

The new Baptist minister is a graduate of Wake Forest College and studied for two years in the Louisville Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev. Mr. Walker has two children, Guy, Jr., 12, and Helen, 15. Mrs. Waker has been elected to teach in the elementary department of Sparta High School and is expected to begin her duties there when school opens on Monday.

Since Rev. Richard L. West's resignation in May, the Sparta Baptist church has had no regular pastor.

Rev. Mr. Walker is ill at his home in Chesnee at the present and he is not expected to be here to conduct services this Sunday.

Searchers Find Prison Inmate

Brannock, Prisoner, Failed To Return After Going For Water

Freedom but for an hour has its burdens as well as its virtues. Jay Brannock, 18, inmate of the Alleghany prison camp discovered this week as he trudged along in the shackles he was forced to wear for his attempted prison break.

Brannock, a trustee from Winston-Salem, who had served 10 months of a two-year sentence for larceny, had gone for water where a group of prisoners were working on Roaring Gap mountain, and failed to return.

Searching parties were sent out and he was picked up near Trap Hill about two hours later by Wayne Hoppers and Elmer Joiner, employees of the State Highway department here.

Brannock will be tried for his escape in the fall term of superior court here, prison officials stated.

Low Priced Shoes Off Ration List

Information has been received here this week by the War Price and Rationing Board that the ration release on low priced shoes for both men and women retailing at not more than \$3.50 per pair, became effective on August 17 to run through September 29. This release had been formerly announced for the dates of August 27 through October 13 but was changed due to the fact that it was determined that dealers had heavy stocks of low priced white shoes, it was announced.

Pfc. Pollard Is Honored Sunday

A number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pollard last Sunday when their son, Pfc. James D. Pollard, was honored at dinner.

More than 56 guests, including Rev. A. K. Taylor, Rev. Lon Billings, Rev. W. C. Edwards and Rev. William Hamm, enjoyed the afternoon.

Pfc. Pollard, who has spent 16 months overseas, saw action in France, Belgium and Germany. He will return to Fort Bragg today after spending a 30-day furlough here with his parents. The young soldier wears the ETO ribbon, three battle stars, good conduct ribbon and combat infantryman's badge.

Pfc. Roy Brooks Wins Essay Contest In Army Newspaper; Prize Is 7-Day Pass To Paris

AWARDED SILVER STAR



Cpl. Frank Osborne was recently awarded the Silver Star for bravery in action.

Alleghany Soldier Wins Contest On, "Is America Really Different"

He may have had to go to Czechoslovakia to discover it, but Pfc. Roy L. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks, of Glade Valley has proven himself a writer. At the army post in Cheb, Czechoslovakia, where Private First Class Brooks is stationed, a small memographed newspaper, "The Fox News" is published weekly. The paper recently conducted an essay contest and much to his surprise the fellows waked him up one afternoon to tell him that he had won, and that his essay would be published.

About the prize, a seven-day pass to Paris, Pfc. Brooks neglected to mention.

His essay, "Is America Really Different," follows:

"As the army takes me from one little European country to another, I often find my thoughts going back to school. I remember the teacher giving the history of all the different countries and I recall the long fascinating stories authors wrote about, the ways and customs of their people, and you could always expect him to attribute one or more outstanding facts, or qualities to each country.

For example, the beautiful mountains of Switzerland, or the

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Southern States Co-op Will Meet

Annual Meeting To Be Held At Carl Kennedy's Store Tuesday Evening

The farming public is invited to the annual meeting of members of Southern States Cooperative in the Mouth of Wilson, Va., section to be held in Carl Kennedy's store at Turkey Knob, Tuesday evening, August 28, at 8 o'clock.

The objectives of the meeting will be outlined by Joe B. Cox, of Mouth of Wilson, who will preside. The invocation will be given by Rev. Brice Barton, of Sparta, and group singing will be led by Mrs. Osco Ward, of Mouth of Wilson. District Manager G. A. Roberts, of Wytheville, will present the "Annual Report of Southern States Cooperative" and show the sound movie, "Endless Acres." A report on the cooperative program conducted locally last year will be given by Carl Kennedy, Mouth of Wilson. E. C. Minnich, of Piney Creek, and Mrs. Flora Dutton, of Mouth of Wilson, will talk on "The Necessity for Farm Cooperatives" and "Women's Part in Farm Cooperatives," respectively. Mr. Cox will conduct an open discussion of

Will Hold School For Bus Drivers

A school for bus drivers will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at Sparta high school, Supt. Clyde Fields announced today.

All persons interested in driving buses or substituting at any time during this year, are urged to attend the school and get driver's permits, she pointed out.

Expect Rationing Of Shoes Will End Within Two Months

Washington — Shoe rationing is expected to end in two months at the outside and may be lifted within two weeks, it was disclosed this week.

This prospect that still another civilian necessity soon may drop from the ration list came as the nation enjoyed its first Sunday driving since early in the war. "Fill 'er up" was the watchword as hundreds of thousands motored to beaches, mountains and other long-unattainable retreats.

Highways were jammed for the first time in three years.

A survey of War Production Board and OPA officials showed that the end of shoe rationing is not far off. Completion of supply and production statistics apparently is the only thing delaying it. As one WPB official said: "It's no pleasure to ration shoes when everything else is going off the ration list."

R. C. Chairman Resigns Post Here

Mrs. Duncan Resigns After Three Years Of Service In The Red Cross

Mrs. Edwin Duncan, who for the past three years has served home service chairman of the American Red Cross, this week offered her resignation.

Mrs. Duncan has rendered a great service to the county and to the men in service and their families, it was pointed out.

"It is with regret that we accept this resignation and we wish to take this opportunity to commend Mrs. Duncan for a job well done," T. R. Burgiss, chairman of the Alleghany chapter of the American Red Cross, said.

Mr. Burgiss pointed out that with the end of the war, the demands of the home service chairman will increase. The large number of casualties and discharges will result in new requests for assistance in claims and benefits, it was explained.

To date no person has been secured to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Duncan, but an appointment is expected to be made in the near future. Mr. Burgiss explained that a meeting of the executive committee of the county organization of Red Cross will be held within the next few weeks and that various changes are expected to be made in the setup.

Grandson Of Mrs. Rector Awarded DFC, Air Medal

Flight Officer Claude Galyean Given Coveted Award In India

F.-O. Claude A. Galyean, copilot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Galyean, of Galax, and grandson of Mrs. W. T. Rector, of Sparta, has been awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal, it was announced by Brigadier General William H. Turner, commanding general of the India-China Division, Air Transport Command.

The Flying Cross award was made up on completion of 300 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes, where enemy interception and attack was probable and expected.

The air trail over the Hump, famed route through the towering peaks of the Himalaya Mountains, blazed by the Air Transport Command, is recognized by airmen as the world's toughest. Today, the Hump route is the main lifeline of vital military supplies for the Allied forces fighting the Japanese in China.

The citation accompanying the awards, adds:

"Flying at night as well as by day, at high altitudes over impassable, mountainous terrain through areas characterized by extremely treacherous weather conditions necessitating long periods of operations on instruments . . . requiring courageous and superior performance of his duties to overcome, he accomplished his

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TO GIVE REPORT



G. A. Roberts, of Wytheville, Va., district manager of the Southern States Cooperative, who will present the annual report at the meeting at Turkey Knob, Tuesday.

Nylon Hose Are To Be Expected By Thanksgiving

Washington — Nylon and rayon were given back to the ladies this week and nylon stockings may be on sale by Thanksgiving.

Both fabrics were freed of all controls except for one technicality blocking the immediate use of nylon for hosiery. War Production Board officials said this formality will be ironed out promptly and that nylon stockings should reach store shelves by Thanksgiving, or by Christmas at the latest.

Nylon can be used immediately for slips, blouses, shirts and other garments. Rayon can be used for anything.

WPB said it probably will be several months before there is enough nylon to fill the demand, but when factories get going they are expected to turn out stockings in unprecedented volume. Before the war, about 8,000,000 pounds of nylon were produced annually, principally for hosiery. The total now is three times as high, and almost all of it will go into civilian markets. It takes a pound and a quarter of nylon to make a dozen pairs of stockings.

R. A. Doughton, Noted N. C. Leader Who Died Here On Friday, Was Buried Sunday

Had Long Record Of Public Service Which Began In 1887

Funeral service was held at the residence in Sparta, Sunday morning, for R. A. Doughton, 89, distinguished North Carolina citizen, who died suddenly at his home here on Friday morning.

The Rev. C. R. Allison, pastor of the Sparta Methodist church, was in charge of the service. He was assisted by the Rev. E. W. Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church; Dr. D. D. Weaver, superintendent of the Elkin Hospital; Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers' College; and Hon. Joseph Daniels, publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer, a lifelong friend of the deceased.

Both Mr. Daniels and Dr. Dougherty reviewed his long career of public service and his valuable contributions to his county, state, and nation.

Thousands of people gathered in the yard to pay tribute in death to the man they had known and loved in life. A large group of N. C. attorneys, including several judges, sat in a body as did a number of former members of the State Highway Commission.

At the close of the service, the body was taken to Shiloh cemetery for burial. Nephews of the deceased acted as pallbearers.

"Governor" Doughton, as he was known to most people, had been in declining health for some time, but he had eaten breakfast as usual and was reading the morning paper when he was suddenly stricken. His death ended a long and successful career in public life as well as a

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Grocery To Open In New Building

Apartments To Be Built Over Store; To Open Within 60 Days

A new Mick or Mack grocery store will be opened in the building which is under construction between the Sparta Garage and the Western Auto and Associate Store here on Main Street, it was announced this week.

The store will be operated and managed by C. R. Roe, Cary Brown and Gaither Evans, it was pointed out, and is expected to be opened within the next 60 days.

The two-story building, which is owned by C. R. Roe and Clennel Richardson, will house the grocery store on the first floor and on the second floor there will be two six-room apartments with two office rooms at the front.

Mr. Richardson, who is supervising the construction, said this week that the building would be heated and that both the store and apartments would be modern in design.

Tributes Paid Gov. Doughton By Prominent Men Of State

Many tributes have been paid to the late Hon. Rufus A. Doughton since his death here last Friday morning.

Expressing a personal feeling of loss, Governor Cherry said that, "in the death of Rufus A. Doughton, North Carolina has suffered the loss of one of its grandest old men."

Governor Cherry continued: "His service was not confined to legislative halls. As a member and chairman of the State Highway commission, and as commissioner of revenue, he helped to chart the early course of these important agencies."

"Ripe in years, filled with fruitful service, he died in his 89th year. His face and personality will be missed, but his influence is a continuing factor for progress in the state he loved and served so well."

In tribute to Governor Doughton, Josephus Daniels, former editor of the Charlotte Observer and

BURIED ON SUNDAY



R. A. Doughton, who was buried at Shiloh on Sunday following his sudden death, Friday.

School Law Cited By Supt. Fields

Elementary Children Must Attend Schools Nearest Them

Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, announced this week that due to transportation difficulties and crowded conditions of the larger consolidated schools, that all parents are requested to have elementary children to attend the elementary schools nearest them.

"If a child is riding a bus, and that bus passes an elementary school, the child must attend that school rather than ride in to a consolidated school," she stated.

Miss Fields cited the state school law, which reads: "State School Law. Section 115-376 Bus Routes—Provide the

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Trucks Issued To This Section

Alleghany and Ashe are among the 56 North Carolina counties to be issued 150 trucks by the Surplus Property Board.

The trucks, size one and one-half tons, have been issued to farm areas in North Carolina to help "offset threatened impairment of farm production due to shortages of rail transportation and automotive facilities."

The trucks will be sold through the office of the Surplus Properties Board, Department of Commerce, directly to dealers in the farm area for resale exclusively to farmers and farmers co-operatives holding triple A cards. Dealers will be sent detailed information immediately.

Plans Ready For School Opening Monday Morning

Only One Vacancy; Principals To Meet Teachers Friday Afternoon

Thousands of school children will go back to school in Alleghany county on Monday, August 27, when all of the county's 21 schools will open for the 1945-46 school year.

Special opening exercises have been planned at most of the schools on Monday morning. Rev. F. G. Walker, new pastor of the Sparta Baptist church, is expected to be the guest speaker at Sparta high school, Principal C. R. Roe announced. Piney Creek will also have a guest speaker, Principal Robert Page Edwards pointed out. All school patrons and friends are cordially invited to attend the schools on the opening day, it was explained.

All of the teaching positions have been filled with the exception of one in the high school department at Piney Creek, and it is hoped that it will be filled by Monday morning, school authorities pointed out.

Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, announced that bulletins setting forth the aims, objectives and plans for the school year had been sent out to all teachers. She explained that due to the fact that a general teachers' meeting was held here August 14, the first county-wide meeting will be postponed until early in September at which time notices will be sent to all teachers.

Mr. Roe announced that a meeting of Sparta teachers will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the high school building, while Mr. Edwards will meet the Piney Creek teachers on Friday at one o'clock at the high school.

Miss Fields stated that lunchrooms at Piney Creek and Sparta will not be able to open on Monday as had previously been planned. Information from Raleigh revealed there are to be a number of changes in operation of lunchrooms and it was advised that Sparta and Piney Creek postpone

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Hearing On Sat. For Whitaker

Arrested For Drunkenness And Attempting To Enter Hooper Home

Ed Whitaker, of Sparta, was arrested here Sunday morning by local officers for public drunkenness and for attempting to enter the home of W. O. Hooper here.

Whitaker, who has been arrested on numerous charges during the past two years, was released on bond with hearing scheduled for Saturday morning before G. Glenn Nichols.

Bill Billings, 15, was tried in the Alleghany county juvenile court before S. O. Gambill here this week on charges of wreckless driving, which resulted in wrecking a truck at the Little River bridge just outside the city limits more than four weeks ago.

Young Billings' driver's license was suspended for a period of six months and he was ordered to pay the cost of the trial.

Bledsoe To Open New Plant Here

D. C. Bledsoe, prominent Sparta businessman and former Ford dealer here, announced this week that he planned to open a cement and cinder block plant at Twin Oaks in the near future.

The building, which will house the plant, is now under construction and is expected to be completed at an early date. Machinery consisting of cement mixer and block machines are ready for installation, Mr. Bledsoe pointed out.

The blocks, for the present, will be made of cement and sand and later when it is available, cinders and sand will be used, he explained. The plant is expected to turn out 500 blocks per day.

J. B. Tucker, returned veteran of World War II, will operate the plant, it was announced.

"I doubt—and I measure my words when I say it . . . if there

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